

Odyssey Portal User Guide



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Overview

Since June 2015, the Administrative Office of the Courts has begun the implementation of a new Superior Court case management system, known as Odyssey, in counties around the state. As part of the implementation, access to public court records will be provided online via the Odyssey Portal. The Odyssey Portal also provides access to case documents, once the registration fee has been paid and authorization has been received from the County Clerk. Court records presented by the Odyssey Portal are limited to cases filed in the Superior Courts and County Clerk's offices using the new Odyssey case management system.

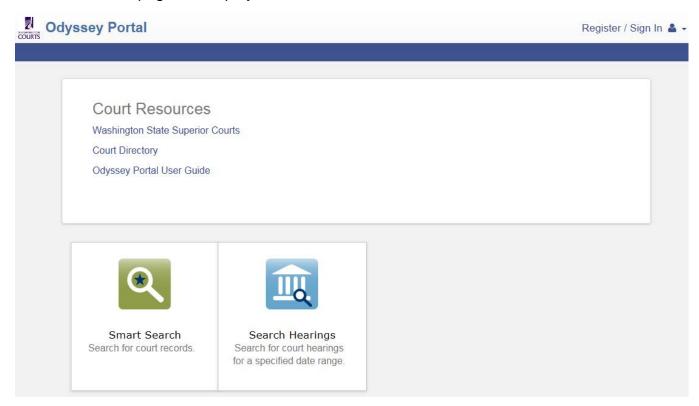
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Section 1: Accessing Odyssey Portal

1. To access the portal, click the link below or open an Internet browser and go the provided URL:

https://odysseyportal.courts.wa.gov/odyportal

2. The Portal home page will display, as shown below:



3. From the home page, you may begin using the Portal to access public case information. Registration is not required for public users to use the Portal.

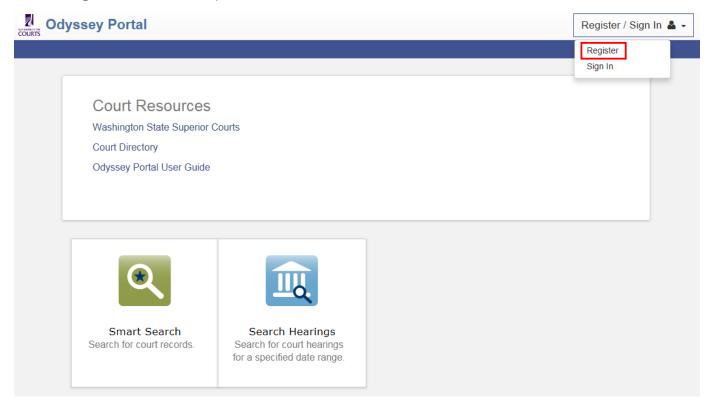
Note: Access to court records is defined by federal law, state law, court rule, court order, and/or case law. For more information about access to court records, go to http://www.courts.wa.gov/newsinfo/index.cfm?fa=newsinfo.displayContent&theFile=content/accessToCourtRecords.

As of November 2, 2015, only case data from Lewis, Franklin, Thurston, and Yakima Superior Courts will be available via the Odyssey Portal. More data will become available as other counties implement the new Odyssey case management system.

Section 2: Odyssey Portal Registration

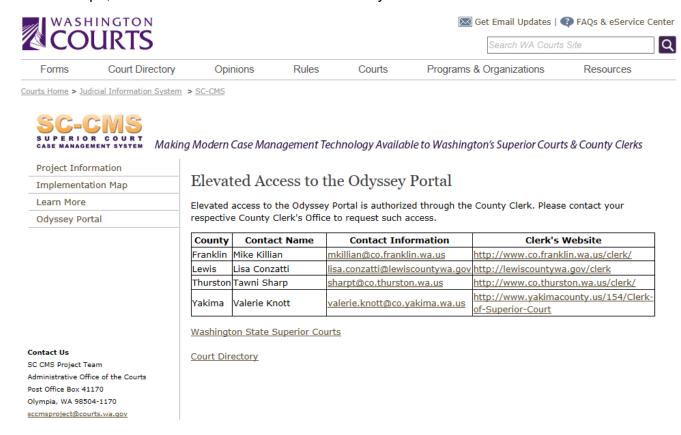
Odyssey Portal is a software application that provides access to court records and documents via authorized and protected user accounts, such as county officials, justice partners (i.e., attorneys, corrections officers, service providers) and local law enforcement.

1. To register for an account, click on the **Register / Sign In** button from the top right menu and select **Register** from the drop-down.



Note: The registration process is a two-part process. The first part of the process, described in Section 2 of this user guide, is to contact your local County Clerk.

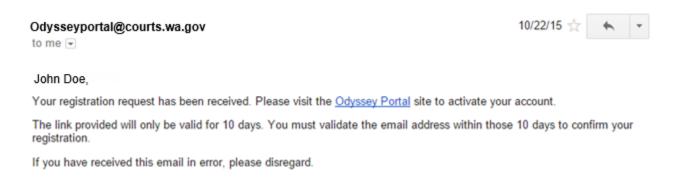
2. After selecting **Register**, you will be routed to a page with Court Directory Links. Find your local County Clerk and contact them. The Clerk will supply you with information regarding additional steps, such as a Portal Fee or Confidentiality Waiver.



Note: The County Clerk will verify your identification, collect contact information and assess a fee if applicable. Once verified and payment has been made (if applicable), notification will be sent via e-mail on the status of the request. Requests for access will be processed within 3-5 business days.

3. You will receive an e-mail to confirm the registration process. The e-mail will include a link back to the Odyssey Portal which will confirm your registration and set up a password.

Note: The link will only be valid for 2 days.

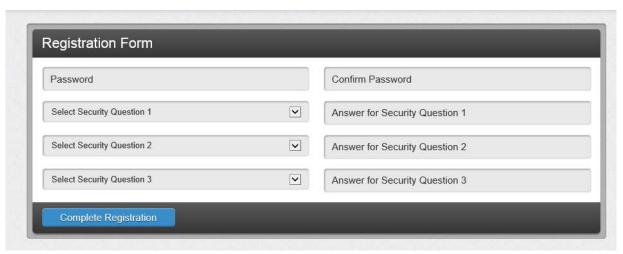


Section 3: Completing Registration

1. The link to the Odyssey Portal included in your e-mail will route you directly to a page where you can create your password for the portal.

Note: The password needs to be at least 8 characters with at least 1 special character, 1 uppercase character, and 1 number.

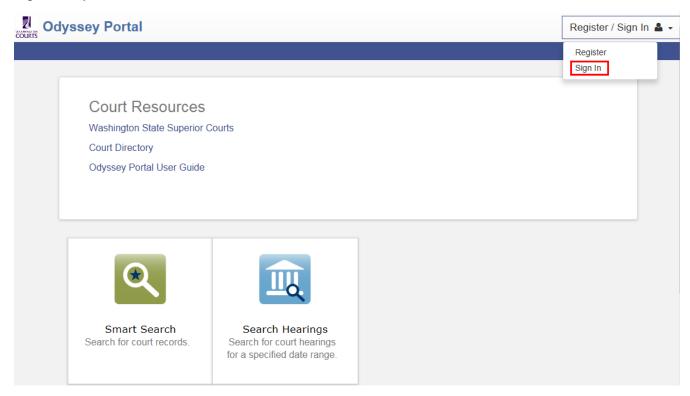
2. Fill in the required fields and click **Complete Registration**.



3. A window confirming that you have successfully registered will appear. Click Finish.

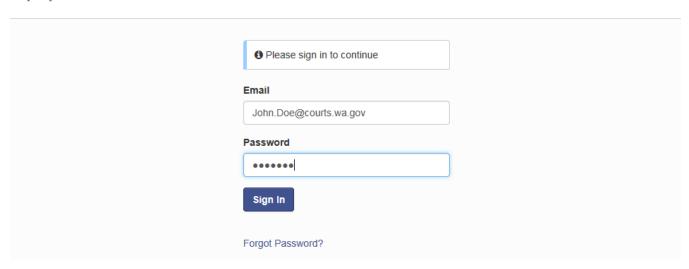


4. Registration is now complete. You will be routed back to the Odyssey Portal Home page to sign in to your account.

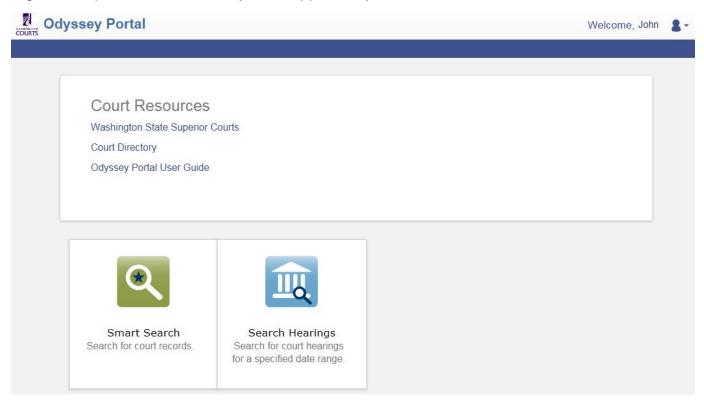


5. Sign in with your user name (the e-mail you used to sign up) and your newly created password.

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6. You are now signed into the portal. Any user roles that the County Clerk approved during the registration process have already been applied to your account.

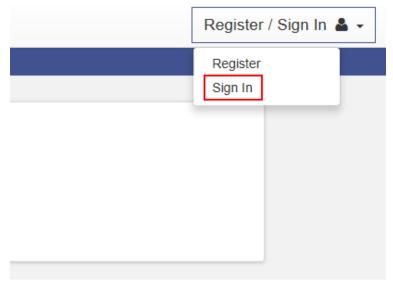


Note: Roles determine what can be viewed within a case. If you cannot see something in a case, verify your assigned role with the County Clerk.

Section 4: Resetting Password

It is necessary to set your account up within **two days**, as the link e-mailed to the address provided will expire after that time. If the link expires, following are the instructions to reset your password and gain your approved access to the Portal.

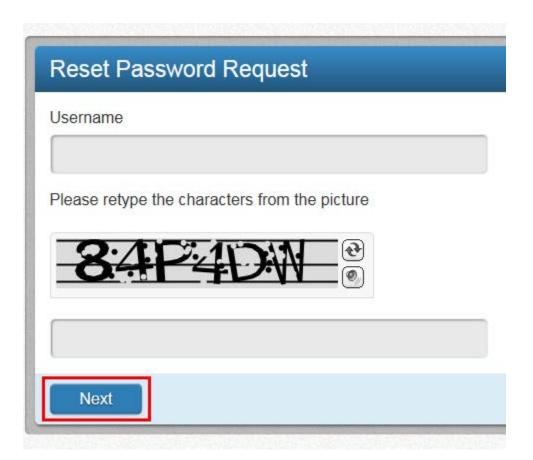
1. From the Odyssey Portal home page, click **Sign In**.



2. Once the Sign In box appears, click Forgot Password.



3. From the Reset Password Request page, enter the e-mail address as the Username, enter the characters from the picture, and click **Next**.



This will reset the password and send a new automated e-mail and link.

Section 5: Searching for Court Records

 The Portal home page has three search windows. Use Smart Search to find court records or persons associated with a court record. Use the Hearing Search to find a specific hearing. Use Court Resources to access links to court or county information.



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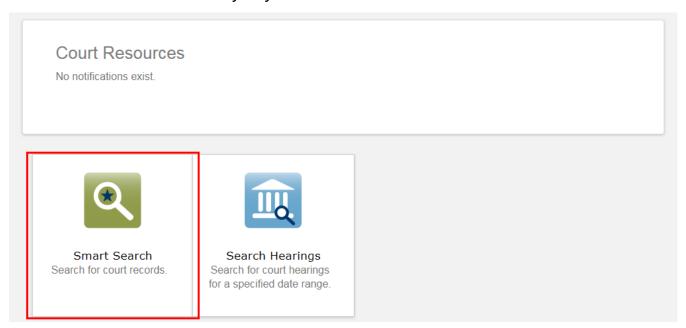


Smart Search Search for court records.



Search Hearings Search for court hearings for a specified date range. 2. To begin searching for court records, use **Smart Search** to enter a case number or a person's name (last, first, middle).

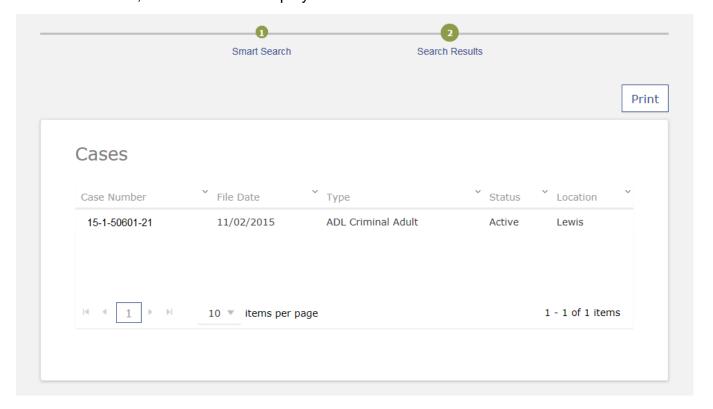
Note: The **Smart Search** will search all available Odyssey implemented counties. Court records from counties not in Odyssey will not show.



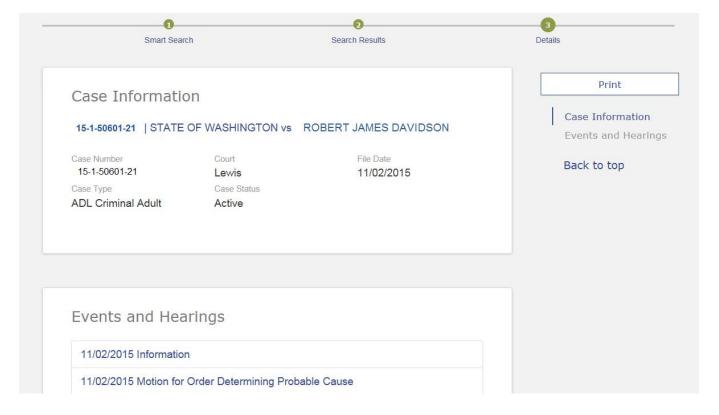
3. To search for a case, enter the case number and click **Submit**. The case number can be entered with or without the hyphens.



4. If a case is found, the case will be displayed under the Search Results window.



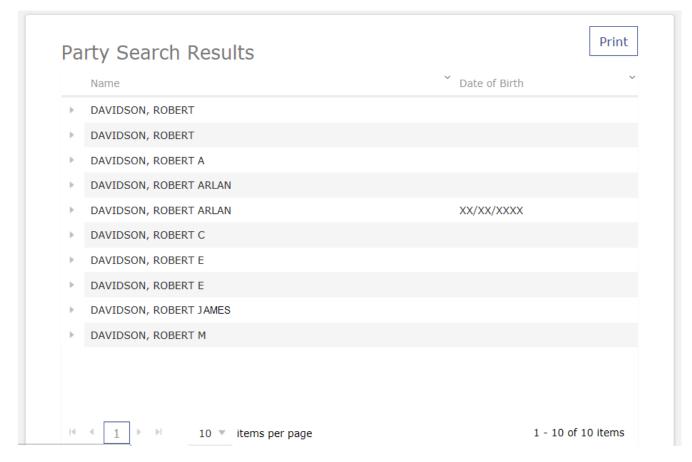
5. Click on the case number link to see the details of the case.



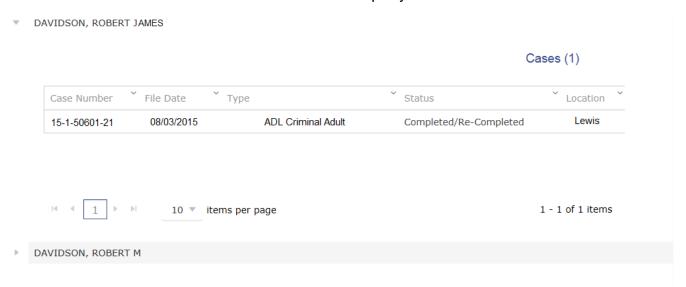
6. To search using a name, enter it Last name and then First and click Submit.



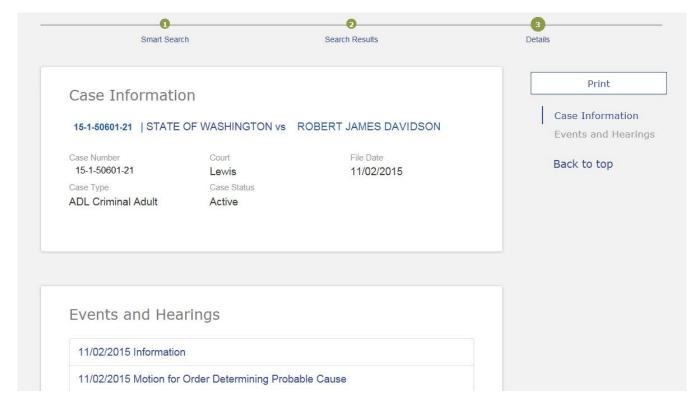
7. If a match is found, the name will be displayed in the Search Results window.



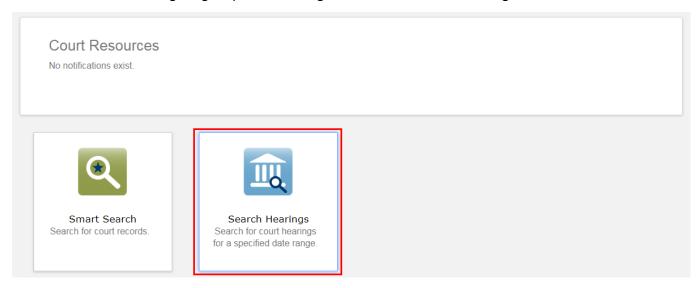
8. Select the name to see cases associated with that party.



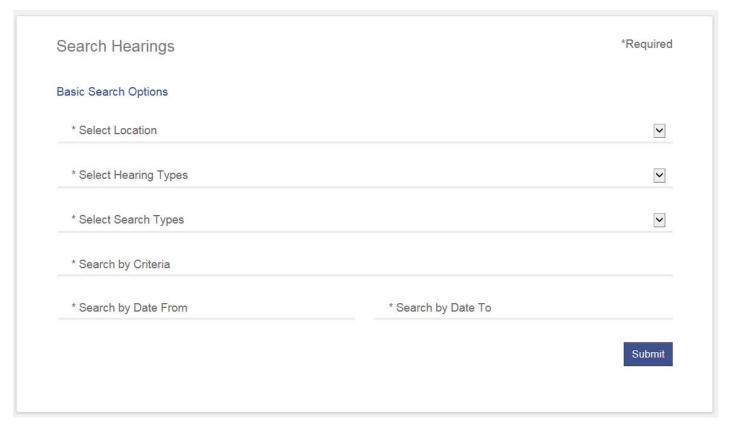
9. Click on the case number link to see the details of the case.



10. To search for a hearing or groups of hearings, use the Search Hearings window.



- 11. Use the drop down boxes and specify a date range to narrow the criteria.
 - Select the **Location** that you want to search or choose to search all of the Superior Courts using Odyssey.
 - b. Select the **Hearing Type** for a specific hearing type or you may search for all hearing types.
 - c. Select the **Search Type** to choose how you would like to search. The Search Criteria field will change depending on your selection.



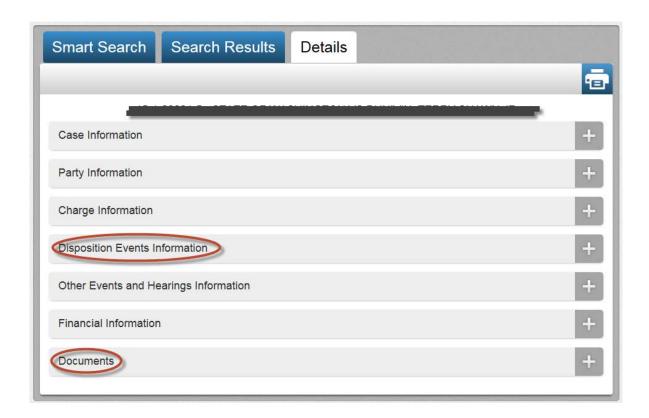
12. Search results may be filtered or rearranged by clicking on the drop-down arrows. Also, the calendar icon will allow you to toggle back and forth between a calendar view and a list view of the hearings.



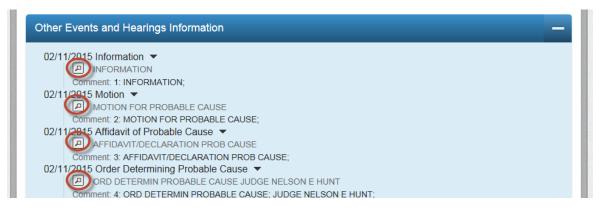
Section 6: Viewing Public Documents

Public case documents can be viewed through the Portal. Access to these documents is provided by the County Clerks for a fee. Please consult with your County Clerks regarding public document access, fees and the payment process.

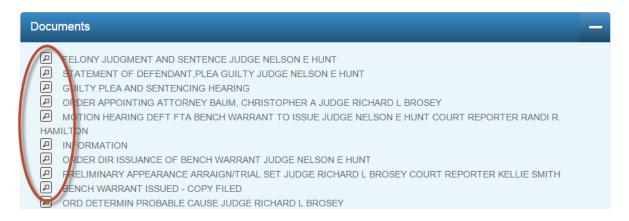
1. If you are authorized to access public documents through the Portal, you will see the documents in two places when viewing a case.



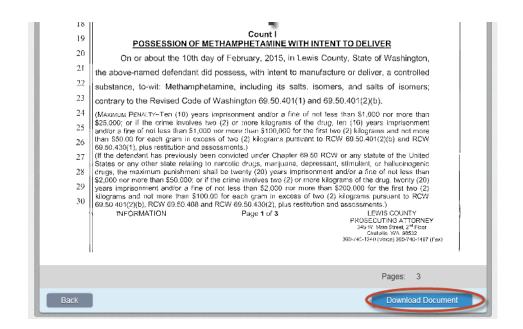
2. Documents can be seen in the **Other Events and Hearing Information** window. The public documents here are associated with the case events.



Documents can also be seen in the **Documents** window. This is a listing of all the public documents associated with the case.



4. Click on the **Download Document** to view the document from the Portal.



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